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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

TEHRAN FOR THE SECRETARY

ACCRA FOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WANTS BRIEFING IN CAPE TOWN TALKS

REF: USUN 1375 (NOTAL)

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1. UKUN WAS INFORMED BY AUSTRALIAN MISOFF AND USUN BY ALGERIAN MISOFF THAT DURING COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA MEETING ON MAY 11, MEXICO HAD SAID THAT COUNCIL SHOULD RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM WESTERN FIVE ON CAPE TOWN TALKS. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, AMB JAIPAL OF INDIA, WHO WAS CHAIRING COMMITTEE, AGREED TO CONTACT WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS.

2. POLCOUNS MAY 12 CONFIRMED WITH COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA AHTISAARI THAT THE MEXICAN REP HAD SPONSORED THE REQUEST TO INDIAN AMBASSADOR JAIPAL FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE WESTERN FIVE POWER INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA. HE ADVISED THAT, AT THIS STAGE, HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO CONVEY TO THE COUNCIL THE INFORMATION HE HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY THE FIVE (USUN 1492). HE IN FACT WAS NOT PREPARED TO HAVE IT KNOWN TO THE COUNCIL THAT HE HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY THE FIVE AT ALL; AT THE MAY 11 COUNCIL MEETING HE WAS NOT ASKED, BUT IF A QUERY HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO HIM HE WOULD HAVE SIMPLY OBSERVED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD RECEIVED SOME INFORMATION FROM THE FIVE, AS HAS BEEN NOTED IN PUBLIC RELEASES.

3. AHTISAARI SAID HE STRONGLY HOPES THAT THE FIVE WILL CONSENT TO BRIEF THE COUNCIL. HE ADVISED THAT WE SEEK TO DO THIS BY TALKING WITH AMBASSADOR JAIPAL. WHILE HE WOULD WELCOME AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A BRIEFING SESSION WITH JAIPAL, BOTH HE AND HIS ASSISTANT ARE LEAVING FOR MAPUTO MAY 13 AND WILL THEREFORE BE UNAVAILABLE. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE TELL JAIPAL THAT WE WOULD HAVE WISHED TO INCLUDE AHTISAARI BUT COULD NOT BECAUSE OF HIS ABSENCE FROM NEW YORK.

4. AHTISAARI WENT ON TO ASK WHETHER THE WESTERN FIVE HAD CONSIDERED "JOINING" THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. HE SAID HE WAS SPEAKING COMPLETELY PERSONALLY, AND THE SUBJECT HAD NOT BEEN BROACHED TO HIM BY ANYONE ELSE. THE THOUGHT
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CAME TO HIM, HOWEVER, AS HE CONTEMPLATED WHAT THE FIVE HAD SHARED WITH HIM CONCERNING THEIR PLANS AND THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THEY WERE BASING THEIR ACTIONS ON NAMIBIA. THE COUNCIL'S ROLE IN THE NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT IS STILL UNCLEAR, BUT IT SEEMS TO HIM THAT THIS QUESTION IS LIKELY TO BE SENSITIVE AND YET IMPORTANT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTABILITY OF ANY SOLUTION FORMULA. THAT BEING THE CASE, HE WONDERED WHETHER FORTHRIGHT WESTERN PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNCIL, IF IT COULD BE ARRANGED, MIGHT HELP IN THE EVOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL'S ROLE. WE AGREED ONLY TO KEEP THIS THOUGHT IN MIND FOR FURTHER PRIVATE DISCUSSION LATER.

5. DURING PHONE CONSULTATIONS BY WESTERN FIVE MISOFFS, CONSENSUS EMERGED THAT COUNCIL SHOULD BE DEALT WITH DIPLOMATICALLY AND GIVEN SOME MINIMAL INFORMATION, PERHAPS GOING BEYOND THE PRESS RELEASE ISSUED IN CAPE TOWN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS TO INCLUDE A BRIEFING ALONG THE LINES OF THE TRUNCATED TALKING POINTS DESIGNED FOR SC

MEMBERS AND AFRICAN CAPITALS (USUN 1473). PURPOSE WOULD BE TO PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM GETTING ANGRY ON THE ONE HAND OR INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE OTHER. STAFFERS BELIEVE AMB JAIPAL WILL BE HALPFUL IN THIS REGARD.

6. AS OF LATE AFTERNOON OF MAY 12, AMB JAIPAL HAS NOT ATTEMPTED TO REACH AMBASSADOR LEONARD. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.
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